

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOPS**

REGARDING THE PROPOSED
RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-9)

The workshops will be held on **TWO** separate days:
Thursday, April 22, 2010 and Friday, April 23, 2010
Starting at 8:00am on both days

A second set of workshops will also be held on:
Monday, May 3, 2010 and Tuesday, May 4, 2010
Starting at 8:00am on both days

All workshops will be held at:

**Ridgecrest City Hall
Council Chambers
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(Wheelchair Accessible)
(Map Attached)**

To participate in the meetings by telephone,
please call: **1-888-946-4720** (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada)
Enter pass code: **48732**

Purpose

This notice is to inform you that the Energy Commission staff and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff will jointly hold several workshops to discuss various aspects of the recently published Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SA/DEIS) for the Ridgecrest Solar Power Project (RSPP). The workshops will provide an opportunity for agencies, members of the public and other interested parties to present questions and comments on the SA/DEIS and or the RSPP. All interested agencies and members of the public are invited to participate. An electronic copy of the SA/DEIS is available at:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest/index.html

Workshop Topics

The topics that will be discussed during the April 22nd and 23rd workshops are air quality, cultural resources, land use, soil and water, traffic & transportation, visual resources, worker safety & fire protection, and streambed alteration design goals. The topic for the May 3rd and 4th workshops is biological resources. An agenda will be available at each workshop.

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Public Resources, Contact Information and Additional Sources for Information

If you desire information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project, please contact James Davis, the Energy Commission's Public Liaison, at (916) 654-4701 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by email at: publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us.

To request special accommodations for those persons with disabilities, please contact Lourdes Quiroz, the Energy Commission's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us or by telephone (916) 654-5146. For those persons with limited English knowledge, request interpreter services by contacting the Project Manager, Eric Solorio, at (916) 651-0966.

Information about the project and the permitting process can be found at the following websites: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_ridgecrest/index.html and <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ridgecrest.html>. For additional information contact Eric Solorio, CEC Project Manager at (916) 651-0966 or email at esolorio@energy.state.ca.us or contact Janet Eubanks, BLM Project Manager at carspp@blm.gov.

News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Susanne Garfield, at (916) 654-4989, or by email at: mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Date: 4/12/10

Original signed by:
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